APOCALYPTIC HORSEPLAY

BY BOREDMAN

ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHERE SHE IS ?

MASTER I...

VELL SHE IS ZTILL IN READING. VE KNOW ZAT MUCH.

REALLY? BASED ON WHAT?

BASED ON...HEM

VELL. BASED ON EFERYTHING DAT'S HAPPENING. YU KNOW...

SURELY THE CHILD IS TO BLAME FOR THIS MAYHEM AND ALL THESE GROTESQUE MUTATIONS.

YEAH. ZE MONSTERS AND EFERYTHING.

THE ANTICHRIST WAS NOT SPAWNED TO CREATE MONSTERS. SHE IS A FALSE PROPHET. A FACILITATOR OF DISBELIEF AND CORRUPTION.

THIS CHAOS ACCOMPLISHES NOTHING OF THE SORT. WHICH MEANS WHOEVER IS BEHIND THIS MOST LIKELY INTENDS TO SHIFT OUR FOCUS AWAY FROM THE CHILD.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I TOLD THEM, MASTER.

VELL HE SAID IT BETTER.

SO THE CHILD ISN'T HERE?

PROBABLY NOT. BUT SOMETHING WANTS US TO BE.

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW BEFORE THE COUNCIL HEARS OF THIS SUPERNATURAL TURMOIL. AT WHICH POINT THEY WILL SEND MORE AGENTS TO INVESTIGATE.

AND DAT'S... GOOD, RIGHT?

NO MISTER BELLSING, NOT IF THAT'S WHAT THE ENEMY INTENDS!

WHICH IS WHY WE NEED TO LET THE HIGH COUNSILOR KNOW EVERYTHING HERE IS UNDER CONTROL, BEFORE ANY OTHER BRANCH GETS INVOLVED.

YOU... YOU WANT TO KEEP THIS A SECRET?

FROM THE COUNCIL?!

IT'S FOR THE BEST, FATHER. WE CAN HANDLE THIS OURSELVES.

MASTER OZZAM, WILL ALL DUE RESPECT, I DON'T THINK...

ARE YU ZUICIDAL ?!

ONE OF YUR AGENTS IZ ALREADY DEAD. ZE WHOLE TOWN IZ FILLED VITH INFECTIOUS CANNIBALS!

VE CALL UPON YOU FOR REINFORZEMENTS, AND INSTEAD YOU JUST COME ALONE. TELLING US YOU'F GOT ZIS IN THE BAG ?!

DON'T BE SO DRAMATIC, BELLSING. MY MASTER KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING.

OH REALLY?

BECAUSE I CAN ZINK OF A FEW THINGS HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT.

?!

SAY, BABEL...

YOU VENT TOE-TO-TOE VITH ONE OF ZE HORSEMEN LAST TIME VE VERE HERE, DIDN'T YOU ?

I... YES, OF COURSE.

THE CREATURE WAS TORTURING DAMOCLES. I WENT TO RESCUE HIM.

OH YEA, THANKS FOR DAT BY THE WAY.

REMIND ME THEN. HOW DID YU MANAGE TO FIGHT HIM OFF ALL BY YOURZELF?

ANY STRANCH POWERS VE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

DON'T BE ABSURD. I USED THE CRANIUM OF ST SEBASTIAN.

HA! NICE SAVE.

YES, THIS RELIC IS A POWERFUL DEFENSE AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL.

BUT IT IS ONLY A SHIELD. NOT A WEAPON.

THEN HOW DID YOU BATTLE ALL THOSE PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH EARLIER ?

WITH THIS STAFF.

ONE OF THE SECRET RELICS.

THE STAFF OF MAURETANIA WAS FORGED FROM THE MANY ARROWHEADS IRENE OF ROME REMOVED FROM THE BODY OF ST SEBASTIAN AFTER HIS FIRST EXECUTION.

LIKE THE CRANIUM, IT IS INFUSED WITH HIS POWER AGAINST THE PLAGUE AND ITS AGENTS.

SO... YOU, HEM ...

BEAT THE MONSTERS WITH IT?

LIKE A MAGIC WHOOPING STICK!

IDIOTEN.

THERE'S NOTHING MAGIC ABOUT THIS, MISTER BELLSING. HOLY RELICS ARE NOT TOOLS OF WITCHCRAFT.

AH YES.

REMIND ME THEN. WHAT IS YUR OPINION ON WITCHCRAFT?

I CONDEMN IT, OF COURSE. AS DO ALL AGENTS OF THE CHURCH.

MAGIC IS BUT A SATANIC COUNTERFEIT TO HOLY SPIRITUALITY.

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